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Chemical Review Committee
Fourteenth meeting
Rome, 11–14 September 2018
Item 2 (b) of the provisional agenda*

Organizational matters: organization of work

Annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 1

Opening of the meeting

1. The fourteenth meeting of the Chemical Review Committee will be held at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome, from 11 to 14 September 2018. The meeting will be opened by the Chair of the Committee, Ms. Noluzuko Gwayi (South Africa), at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 11 September 2018.

2. Opening and welcoming statements will be delivered.

Item 2

Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

3. The Committee may wish to adopt its agenda, with any amendments, on the basis of the provisional agenda (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/1).

(b) Organization of work

4. The Committee has before it a scenario note for the meeting prepared by the Chair (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/INF/1) and a tentative schedule for the meeting prepared by the Secretariat (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/INF/2).

5. The Committee may wish to meet on Tuesday, 11 September 2018 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and from Wednesday, 12 September to Friday, 14 September from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., subject to adjustments as necessary.

6. The Committee may wish to establish contact groups and drafting groups, as necessary, and specify their mandates.

Item 3

Rotation of the membership

7. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat on the rotation of the membership and experts nominated as members of the Chemical Review Committee (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/INF/3). The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided.

* UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/1.

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Item 4
Technical work

(a) Consideration of draft decision guidance documents

(i) Acetochlor

8. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat containing a draft decision guidance document for acetochlor, available in the six official languages of the United Nations (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/3). A tabular summary of comments on the draft decision guidance document is available in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/INF/6. The Committee may wish to finalize the draft decision guidance document and to forward it, together with its recommendation to list acetochlor in Annex III to the Convention as a pesticide, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting.

(ii) Hexabromocyclododecane

9. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat containing a draft decision guidance document for hexabromocyclododecane, available in the six official languages of the United Nations (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/4). A tabular summary of comments on the draft decision guidance document is available in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/INF/7. The Committee may wish to finalize the draft decision guidance document and to forward it, together with its recommendation to list hexabromocyclododecane in Annex III to the Convention as an industrial chemical, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting.

(iii) Phorate

10. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat containing a draft decision guidance document for phorate, available in the six official languages of the United Nations (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/5). A tabular summary of comments on the draft decision guidance document is available in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/INF/8. The Committee may wish to finalize the draft decision guidance document and to forward it, together with its recommendation to list phorate in Annex III to the Convention as a pesticide, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting.

(b) Report of the Bureau on the preliminary review of notifications of final regulatory action

11. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat setting out the report of the Bureau on the preliminary review of notifications of final regulatory action (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/2). In addition, information on trade in chemicals under consideration by the Chemical Review Committee and a summary record of notifications of final regulatory action for chemicals reviewed by the Interim Chemical Review Committee and the Chemical Review Committee are available in documents UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/INF/4 and UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/INF/5 respectively. The Committee may wish to proceed with the review of the notifications of final regulatory action and the supporting documentation before it as suggested in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/2.

(c) Review of notifications of final regulatory action

(i) Hexabromocyclododecane

12. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat containing a notification of final regulatory action relating to hexabromocyclododecane in the industrial chemical category from one prior informed consent region: North America (Canada) (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/6). The supporting documentation provided by Canada is set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/INF/9. This notification was received subsequent to the thirteenth meeting of the Committee and is in addition to previous notifications of final regulatory action received relating to this chemical.

13. At its thirteenth meeting, the Chemical Review Committee decided that notifications related to hexabromocyclododecane from the Asian (Japan) and European (Norway) prior informed consent regions met all the criteria of Annex II to the Convention and accordingly recommended to the Conference of the Parties that hexabromocyclododecane be listed in Annex III to the Convention as an industrial chemical. The notifications from Japan and Norway and the rationale for the recommendation are set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/INF/10.

14. The Committee may wish to review the information provided in those documents and consider the action proposed in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/6.

(ii) Methyl parathion

15. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat containing a notification of final regulatory action relating to methyl parathion in the pesticide category from one prior informed consent region: Latin America and the Caribbean (Panama) (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/7). The supporting documentation provided by Panama is set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/INF/11.

16. At its first meeting, the Chemical Review Committee decided that a notification related to methyl parathion in the pesticide category from the European prior informed consent region (European Community) met all the criteria of Annex II to the Convention. The notification from the European Community and the rationale for the recommendation are set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/INF/12.

17. The Committee may wish to review the information provided in those documents and consider the action proposed in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/7.

(iii) Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds

18. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat containing notifications of final regulatory action relating to perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds in the industrial chemicals category from two prior informed consent regions: Europe (Norway) and North America (Canada) (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/8). The supporting documentation provided by Norway and Canada is set out in documents UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/INF/13 and UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/INF/14 respectively. The Committee may wish to review the information provided in those documents and consider the action proposed in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/8.

Item 5

Updates to the Handbook of Working Procedures and Policy Guidance for the Chemical Review Committee

19. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat on updates to the Handbook of Working Procedures and Policy Guidance for the Chemical Review Committee (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/9). The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in those documents and consider the action proposed in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/9.

Item 6

Venue and date of the fifteenth meeting of the Committee

20. The Committee may wish to consider and reach agreement on the venue and date of its fifteenth meeting.

Item 7

Other matters

21. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat including a collection of examples of severely hazardous pesticide proposals reviewed by the Committee in the past (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/INF/15). The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided therein.

22. The Committee may also wish to consider any other matters raised by its members during the course of the meeting.

Item 8

Adoption of the report

23. The Committee will be invited to consider and adopt the draft report of the meeting prepared by the rapporteur.

Item 9

Closure of the meeting

24. It is expected that the Chair will close the meeting by 5 p.m. on Friday, 14 September 2018.